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§§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that
were previously filed, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the
following documents:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of an English language translation of an
Office Action from the German Patent Office that was mailed on October 20,
2004 with respect to German Patent Application No. DE 103 52 969.1, which is a
family member of commonly assigned (and duly cited) U.S. Patent Application
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(1) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 598 703, together with
180 patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,952,955; and